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SUBJECT: MALDIVES: STATUS OF ARTICLE VII IMPLEMENTATION
UNDER THE CWC

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1. Poloff presented reftel demarche by fax to Foreign
Secretary Abdul Hameed Zakariyya on February 23. On February

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24 poloff received the following reply by fax from Ahmed
Rasheed, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Begin text of reply:

We have so far identified a national focal point for the CWC
and related matters and conveyed the points of entry for
inspection teams to the Organization for the Prohibition of
Chemical Weapons (OPCW). We have also dealt with the issue
of standing diplomatic clearance for aircraft carrying
inspectors of the OPCW. We now have plans to change the
focal point for the CWC to a more appropriate authority and
hope to meet our obligations under Article VII before the
deadline.

End text.

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